



06/21/06
BC-25-06

PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending June 17, 2006, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) decreased 3.9% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease of 2.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending June 10, 2006 compared to 9.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

| WEEK ENDING | EGGS SET 1/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 04/22/06 | 14,290 | 13,818 | 11,430 | 11,274 | 11,432 | 11,274 |
| 04/29/06 | 14,061 | 13,709 | 11,871 | 11,272 | 12,058 | 11,272 |
| 05/06/06 | 14,131 | 13,683 | 11,776 | 11,157 | 11,777 | 11,157 |
| 05/13/06 | 14,347 | 13,688 | 11,889 | 11,225 | 11,892 | 11,225 |
| 05/20/06 | 14,344 | 13,886 | 11,593 | 11,244 | 11,594 | 11,244 |
| 05/27/06 | 14,352 | 13,639 | 11,695 | 11,322 | 11,697 | 11,322 |
| 06/03/06 | 14,247 | 13,944 | 11,797 | 11,300 | 11,798 | 11,300 |
| 06/10/06 | 14,300 | 13,911 | 11,817 | 11,469 | 11,819 | 11,469 |
| 06/17/06 | 14,414 | 14,039 | 11,917 | 11,451 | 11,918 | 11,451 |

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| | WEEK ENDING | PREV. | PREV. | PREV. |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 06/24/06 | WEEK | MONTH | YEAR |
| New York Weighted Avg | 60.09 | 58.92 | 69.60 | 72.61 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 64.63 | 64.26 | 58.81 | 73.09 |

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.